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For: BRACE SYSTEM AND METHOD	)	<b><u>/Sergio D. Filice/</u></b>
FOR A VEHICLE AT A LOADING	)	Sergio D. Filice
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Examiner: Joshua I. Rudawitz	)	

**AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL**

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a response to the non-final Office action dated December 24, 2009, issued in connection with the above-referenced patent application, along with a fee and a petition for a one-month extension of time.

**1. Small Entity Status**

- ☐ Verified statement(s) claiming small entity status is (are) attached.
- ☐ Small entity status has been established and is still effective.
- ☒ Has not been established.

**2. Fees**

Fee for Claims

- ☒ The fee for additional claims [(37 CFR 1.16(b)-(d)] has been calculated as shown below:

					SMALL ENTITY		OTHER THAN A SMALL ENTITY	
	Claims Remaining After Amendment	Highest No. Previously Paid For		Present Extra	Rate	Additional Fee	Rate	Additional Fee
TOTAL	29	MINUS	29	= 0	x26=	\$	x52=	\$0.00
INDEP.	3	MINUS	3	= 0	x110=	\$	x220=	\$0.00
First Presentation of Multiple Dependent Claim					+195=	\$	+390=	\$0.00
<b>TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE</b>					\$		<b>OR</b>	\$0.00

Extension of Time

- ☒ This is a petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136 for the total number of months checked below:

EXTENSION (Months)	FEE FOR LARGE ENTITY		FEE FOR SMALL ENTITY	
One Month	X	\$130.00		\$65.00
Two Months		\$490.00		\$245.00
Three Months		\$1,110.00		\$555.00
Four Months		\$1,730.00		\$865.00
Fifth Month		\$2,350.00		\$1,175.00

**If an additional Extension of Time is required, please consider this a petition therefor.**

Extension Fee: \$130.00

An extension for     month(s) has already been secured and the fee paid therefor of \$     is deducted from the total fee due for the total months of extension now requested.

Deduction: \$

**Extension Fee Due With This Request \$130.00**

**3. Method of Payment of Fees**

- ☐ Charge Deposit Account No. 50-2455 in the amount of: \$0.00
- ☒ Electronic Funds Transfer \$310.00  
(Extension Fee:\$130.00 and IDS Fee: \$180.00)
- ☐ No Payment Due

**4. Deposit Account and Refund Authorization**

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required during the pendency of this application under 37 CFR 1.16 or 1.17 to Deposit Account No. 50-2455.

Please refund any overpayment to Hanley, Flight & Zimmerman, LLC at the address below.

Respectfully submitted,

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